# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1442
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MOBILE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of Mobile Phone Service providers operating in India as on date;

(b) the total number of connections provided by each of them to the public till date;

(c) whether there is capacity ceiling prescribed for the cell services providers restricting them to a maximum limit;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any violation of overstepping the limit was noticed; and

(f) if so, its details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The total number of Mobile phone service providers operating in India is 26, as on 31.01.2006.

(b) As per reports of Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) and Association of Unified Telecom Service Providers of India (AUSPI), the number of Mobile connections provided by each service provider, as on 31.01.2006, is given in the Annexure.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

ANNEXURE

MOBILE PHONE SERVICE PROVIDERS OPERATING IN INDIA AS ON 31.01.2006

| Service Provider | Service Area | Mobile Connections as on 31.01.2006 |
|---|---|---|
| AIRCEL CELLULAR LTD. | CHENNAI | 677,815 |
| AIRCEL DIGILINK INDIA LTD | HARYANA | 344,998 |
| AIRCEL DIGILINK INDIA LTD | RAJASTHAN | 527,136 |
| AIRCEL DIGILINK INDIA LTD | UTTAR PRADESH(EAST) | 1,209,445 |
| AIRCEL LTD. | TAMIL NADU | 1,602,380 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | ANDHRA PRADESH | 1,053,728 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | ASSAM | 308,346 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | BIHAR | 782,889 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | CHENNAI | 509,118 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | GUJARAT | 827,750 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | HARYANA | 482,490 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 210,166 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 426,384 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | KARNATAKA | 1,112,005 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | KERALA | 1,425,438 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | KOLKATA | 403,538 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | MADHYA PRADESH | 387,966 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | MAHARASHTRA | 1,056,053 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | NORTH EAST | 176,853 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | ORISSA | 476,399 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | PUNJAB | 383,020 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | RAJASTHAN | 953,830 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | TAMIL NADU | 1,339,658 |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | UTTAR PRADESH | 1,581,512 |

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|---|---|---|
| (EAST) | | |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | UTTAR PRADESH | 892,797 |
| (WEST) | | |
| BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED | WEST BENGAL, | 583,060 |
| ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | | |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | ANDHRA PRADESH | 1,534,879 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | BIHAR | 665,241 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | CHENNAI | 610,968 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | DELHI | 1,895,680 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | GUJARAT | 791,524 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | HARYANA | 384,948 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 332,955 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 240,893 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | KARNATAKA | 2,001,370 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | KERALA | 529,444 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | KOLKATA | 604,661 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | MADHYA PRADESH | 403,769 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | MAHARASHTRA | 1,211,226 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | MUMBAI | 1,135,954 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | ORISSA | 364,527 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | PUNJAB | 1,542,103 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | TAMIL NADU | 698,659 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | UTTAR PRADESH (EAST) | 543,207 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | UTTAR PRADESH (WEST) | 519,132 |
| BHARTI CELLULAR LTD | WEST BENGAL, | 291,642 |
| ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | | |
| BHARTI HEXACOM LTD | NORTH EAST | 22,999 |
| BHARTI HEXACOM LTD | RAJASTHAN | 918,233 |
| BHARTI TELE-VENTURES LTD | ASSAM | 129,156 |
| BPL MOBILE CELLULAR LTD | KERALA | 431,102 |
| BPL MOBILE CELLULAR LTD | MAHARASHTRA | 683,651 |
| BPL MOBILE CELLULAR LTD | TAMIL NADU | 467,216 |
| BPL MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS LTD | MUMBAI | 1,334,272 |
| BTA CELLCOM LTD | MADHYA PRADESH | 649,095 |
| DISHNET WIRELESS LTD | ASSAM | 34,992 |
| DISHNET WIRELESS LTD | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 2,445 |
| DISHNET WIRELESS LTD | NORTH EAST | 36,427 |
| DISHNET WIRELESS LTD | ORISSA | 19,469 |
| DISHNET WIRELESS LTD | WEST BENGAL, | 7,522 |
| ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | | |
| FASCEL LTD | GUJARAT | 2,012,797 |
| HFCL INFOTEL LTD | PUNJAB | 65,704 |
| HUTCHISON ESSAR MOBILE SERVICES LTD | DELHI | 1,742,136 |
| HUTCHISON ESSAR SOUTH LTD | ANDHRA PRADESH | 756,395 |
| HUTCHISON ESSAR SOUTH LTD | CHENNAI | 375,328 |
| HUTCHISON ESSAR SOUTH LTD | KARNATAKA | 964,612 |
| HUTCHISON ESSAR SOUTH LTD | PUNJAB | 605,837 |
| HUTCHISON ESSAR SOUTH LTD | UTTAR PRADESH (WEST) | 501,369 |
| HUTCHISON ESSAR SOUTH LTD | WEST BENGAL, | 417,158 |
| ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | | |
| HUTCHISON MAX TELECOM LIMITED | MUMBAI | 1,838,818 |
| HUTCHISON TELECOM EAST LTD | KOLKATA | 869,113 |
| IDEA CELLULAR LTD | ANDHRA PRADESH | 850,858 |
| IDEA CELLULAR LTD | DELHI | 832,183 |
| IDEA CELLULAR LTD | GUJARAT | 914,163 |
| IDEA CELLULAR LTD | MAHARASHTRA | 1,631,574 |
| IDEA MOBILE COMMUNICATION LTD | HARYANA | 273,456 |
| IDEA MOBILE COMMUNICATION LTD | KERALA | 768,101 |
| IDEA MOBILE COMMUNICATION LTD | UTTAR PRADESH | 813,111 |
| (WEST) | | |
| MAHANAGAR TELEPHONE NIGAM LIMITED | DELHI | 742,647 |
| MAHANAGAR TELEPHONE NIGAM LIMITED | MUMBAI | 888,027 |
| RELIABLE INTERNET SERVICES LTD | KOLKATA | 19,191 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | ANDHRA PRADESH | 1,336,578 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | BIHAR | 481,648 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | CHENNAI | 492,658 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | DELHI | 1,445,307 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | GUJARAT | 769,038 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | HARYANA | 239,235 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 13,648 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | KARNATAKA | 900,328 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | KERALA | 641,281 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | KOLKATA | 669,471 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | MADHYA PRADESH | 696,844 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | MAHARASHTRA | 1,027,303 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | MUMBAI | 1,258,925 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | ORISSA | 185,076 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | PUNJAB | 537,975 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | RAJASTHAN | 630,043 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | TAMIL NADU | 710,554 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | UTTAR PRADESH (EAST) | 914,837 |

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|---|---|---|
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | UTTAR PRADESH (WEST) | 596,035 |
| RELIANCE INFOCOMM LTD | WEST BENGAL, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 272,390 |
| RELIANCE TELECOM LTD | ASSAM | 185,053 |
| RELIANCE TELECOM LTD | BIHAR | 502,281 |
| RELIANCE TELECOM LTD | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 62,030 |
| RELIANCE TELECOM LTD | MADHYA PRADESH | 500,159 |
| RELIANCE TELECOM LTD | NORTH EAST | 53,818 |
| RELIANCE TELECOM LTD | ORISSA | 179,906 |
| RELIANCE TELECOM LTD | WEST BENGAL, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 227,410 |
| SHYAM TELELINK LTD | RAJASTHAN | 27,193 |
| SPICE COMMUNICATION LTD | KARNATAKA | 366,263 |
| SPICE COMMUNICATION LTD | PUNJAB | 1,351,215 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | ANDHRA PRADESH | 461,078 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | BIHAR | 83,135 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | CHENNAI | 86,556 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | DELHI | 606,280 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | GUJARAT | 215,451 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | HARYANA | 164,781 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | HIMACHAL | 17,151 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | KARNATAKA | 306,005 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | KERALA | 127,541 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | KOLKATA | 221,320 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | MADHYA PRADESH | 124,060 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | MAHARASHTRA | 338,241 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | MUMBAI | 362,203 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | ORISSA | 42,528 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | PUNJAB | 192,372 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | RAJASTHAN | 171,485 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | TAMIL NADU | 113,431 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | UTTAR PRADESH (EAST) | 164,117 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | UTTAR PRADESH (WEST) | 187,203 |
| TATA TELESERVICES LTD | WEST BENGAL, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 76,266 |
| Total | 79,992,419 | |

Note: These figures does not include Wireless in Local Loop (Limited mobility) connections provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited/ Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited.